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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for definitions; and providing  
3 for regulation and operation of neighborhood electric  
4 vehicles.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The definition of "motor vehicle" in section 102  
8 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amended  
9 November 26, 2008 (P.L.1658, No.133), is amended and the section  
10 is amended by adding a definition to read:

11 § 102. Definitions.

12 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
13 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
14 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when  
15 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly  
16 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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1 "Motor vehicle." A vehicle which is self-propelled except an  
2 electric personal assistive mobility device, a neighborhood  
3 electric vehicle or a vehicle which is propelled solely by human  
4 power.

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6 "Neighborhood electric vehicle." A four-wheeled electric  
7 vehicle that has a maximum design speed of not less than 20  
8 miles per hour and of not more than 25 miles per hour and that  
9 complies with the Federal safety standards established in 49 CFR  
10 571.500 (relating to standard no. 500; low-speed vehicles).

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12 Section 2. Chapter 35 of Title 75 is amended by adding a  
13 subchapter to read:

14 SUBCHAPTER F

15 OPERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES

16 Sec.

17 3591. Scope of subchapter.

18 3592. Required equipment.

19 3593. Operation on certain highways or roadways.

20 3594. Certificate of title and registration required.

21 3595. License and financial responsibility required.

22 3596. Exemption.

23 § 3591. Scope of subchapter.

24 This subchapter applies to the operation of neighborhood  
25 electric vehicles on certain highways or roadways in this  
26 Commonwealth.

27 § 3592. Required equipment.

28 A neighborhood electric vehicle shall be equipped in  
29 accordance with 49 CFR 571.500 (relating to standard no. 500;  
30 low-speed vehicles). This equipment shall include the following:

- (1) Headlamps.
- (2) Stop lamps.
- (3) Turn signal lamps.
- (4) Reflex reflectors.
- (5) Parking brake.
- (6) Rearview exterior mirror.
- (7) Rearview interior mirror.
- (8) Windshield.
- (9) Windshield wiper.
- (10) Speedometer.
- (11) Odometer.
- (12) Braking for each wheel.
- (13) Seat belts.
- (14) Vehicle identification number.
- (15) Other equipment as required by Federal regulations.

§ 3593. Operation on certain highways or roadways.

A neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated on any highway or roadway where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. This section does not prohibit a person from operating a neighborhood electric vehicle across an intersection where the highway or roadway has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

§ 3594. Certificate of title and registration required.

A neighborhood electric vehicle shall be properly titled and registered with the department as required by Chapters 11 (relating to certificate of title and security interests) and 13 (relating to registration of vehicles).

§ 3595. License and financial responsibility required.

An operator of a neighborhood electric vehicle must have a valid driver's license and maintain financial responsibility as

1 required by Chapters 15 (relating to licensing of drivers) and  
2 17 (relating to financial responsibility).

3 § 3596. Exemption.

4 A neighborhood electric vehicle shall be exempt from any  
5 emissions testing required under this title or other law.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.